

TPSS GUIDING PRINCIPLES

OPEN MEMBERSHIP: Membership in a co-op is open to anyone willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political, or religious discrimination.

DEMOCRATIC CONTROL: It is the members who make the decisions and set policy for the co-op. Every member has equal voting rights. One member=One vote.

MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION: Members contribute equally to and democratically control the co-op's capital. Profits are allocated for the good of the Co-op and its members as well as other activities approved by the membership.

AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE: Co-ops are autonomous. If they enter into agreements with other organizations or raise capital from external sources, they do so under the control of their membership and maintain their autonomy.

EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND INFORMATION: Co-ops provide education and training for their members and staff so that they can contribute effectively to the success of the co-op. They also inform the public about the nature and benefits of cooperation.

COOPERATION AMONG CO-OPS: Co-ops serve their members and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together at local, regional, state, national, and international levels.

CONCERNS FOR THE COMMUNITY: Co-ops work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies approved by their members.

YOUR ROLE – You OWN the Co-op. Help make it thrive!

Members of the TPSS Co-op serve as active advocates for the Co-op and for the needs of our community. To serve this role our members are encouraged to:

- **Shop at the Co-op:** Shopping here provides the funds we need to continue to meet the needs of our community and to provide an alternative to large national chains.
- **Promote the Co-op:** Spread the word to family and friends.
- **Voice concerns and suggestions:** Many of our best products, activities, and initiatives come from the Comment Box.
- **Communicate and educate:** Write an article for our newsletter, host a workshop or seminar in our Community Events Room on a topic of community interest, or share information pertinent to TPSS Co-op's Mission and Vision with staff and community.
- **Vote and participate:** Exercise the right to vote for members of the Board and for referendums on important policies. Attend Board meetings, the biannual general membership meetings/celebrations, and other TPSS Co-op community events.
- **Recycle and reuse:** Bring in reusable bulk containers to refill (tare weights are given at the register).
- **Bring their own bags:** The TPSS Co-op donates five cents to a local charity for each reusable bag brought in and used at checkout. Customers can choose which charity to support during each visit to the checkout.

Refunds of Capitalization: A membership may be cancelled at any time for a full refund. We require a written letter and the return of cards issued. These should be submitted to the Membership Coordinator. The refund will be issued at the close of the financial quarter or within six weeks, whichever is later.



JOIN TODAY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY AND GIVE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO A CASHIER

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING YES NO

TODAY'S DATE ___/___/___

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

OTHER HOUSEHOLD NAMES

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

HOME/CELL PHONE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

PAYMENT PLAN: (SELECT ONE)

- One Installment - \$100 OR
- Two Installments - \$55 + \$50 (includes \$5 processing fee with first installment)

THIS SECTION IS TO BE FILLED OUT BY TPSS STAFF ONLY:

Member # _____ # Cards Made: _____ Database Entry
Date/Initial ___ / ___